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Title: Exercise Device Portable Abdomen Reducer

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Lori:

Attached are the changes we discussed on 01-20-05 concerning the above patent application and is in response to your Office Action Summary of 01/11/05.

I refer to my fax of 01/20/05 giving you the authority to make any changes necessary to expedite this procedure.

If there is any further assistance or clarification I can give let me know.

I will call you to make sure you received this information.

Thank you for your help and patience.

Sincerely,



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## Patent Application

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Title: Exercise Device Portable Abdomen Reducer :

L. Amerson, Art Unit 3764, Application/Control Number: 10/672-020

Clarification to Detailed Action:

Concerning reference Patent Number 3,077,613, Edwin H. Mayer

1. Reference Patent was designed primarily to be attached to a Hospital Bed as he enumerates repeatedly in his patent.

2. His device is heavy, cumbersome and can not be adapted to any other anchor that I know of.

3. His device is to aid ill patients to sit up in bed.

4. His patent has a handle, a chain and is anchored above the bed. That is where the similarity ends.

1. My invention was designed primarily to be attached to anchors on the floor to aid in sit-ups and secondarily to be anchored above to aid in pull-ups.

2. My device is light weight, compact and can be transported easily.

3. My device is designed to aid all exercisers in order to improve the health of the user.

4. My device can be used in numerous functions and many positions due to the attachments available.

The claims cited in the above patent have been very useful to me in resolving my problem, however in reviewing the patent I find there are numerous differences between the two devices. I ask that you take this into consideration upon further review of my application.

Thank You,

  
Bill Delp

**Patent Application**

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**for**

**Title: Exercise Device Portable Abdomen Reducer**

**To: L. Amerson, Art Unit 3764, Application/Control Number: 10/672,020**

**I claim:**

- 1. An exercise device that attaches under a door, at the foot of a bed or other stationary anchors and is primarily used to aid a person doing sit-ups in order to reduce the abdomen, but is also of benefit to other muscles of the human body, which exercise device has a handle attached to a tether made of chain or other suitable material, which attaches to a foot retainer to hold down the feet which attaches under the door via the door anchor assist, or to other suitable anchors.**
- 2. An exercise device that attaches to the top of a door, or other overhead stationary anchors in order to aid a person in doing pull-ups which enhances the muscles of the arms, but is also of benefit to other muscles of the human body, said exercise device has a handle attached to a tether made of chain or other suitable material, which attaches over the door via the door anchor assist, or to other suitable anchors via a rope anchor assist.**
- 3. An exercise device that attaches to stationary anchors on the floor to aid in sit-ups or to anchors overhead to aid in pull-ups that is easily transported by hand, in a small bag, in luggage or other conveyances from one point to another so that the device can be constantly available to the user.**